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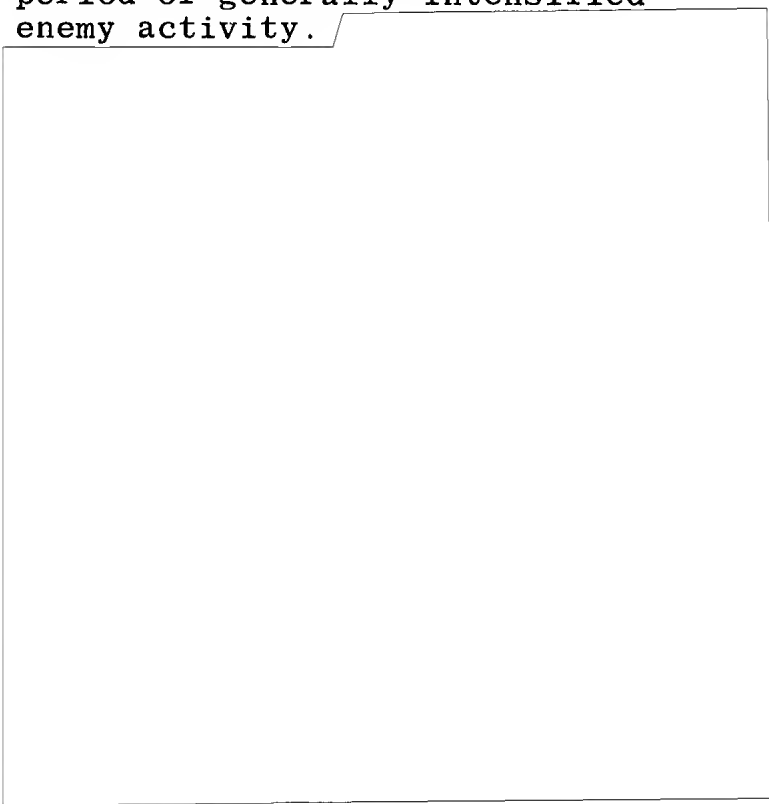
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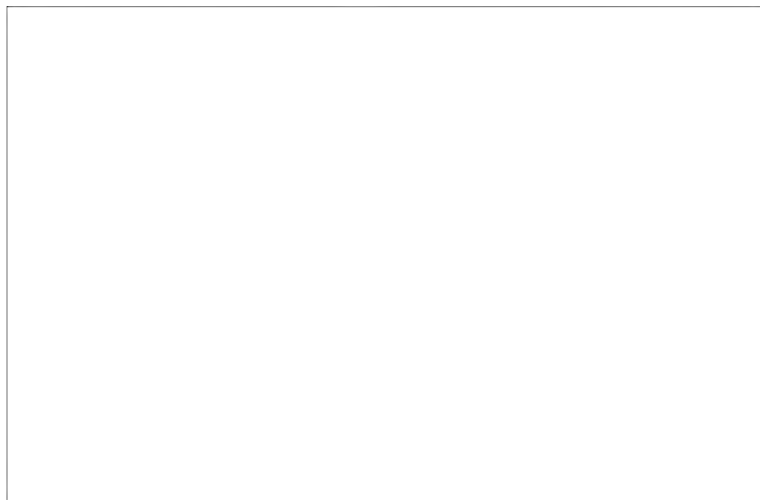
1. Vietnam

a. Viet Cong and North Vietnamese propaganda portrays the Bien Hoa attack as a major victory. It stresses Viet Cong ability to take direct action against the US military establishment in South Vietnam.

b. The Bien Hoa attack, combined with two others Saturday to the north, suggests a forthcoming period of generally intensified enemy activity.



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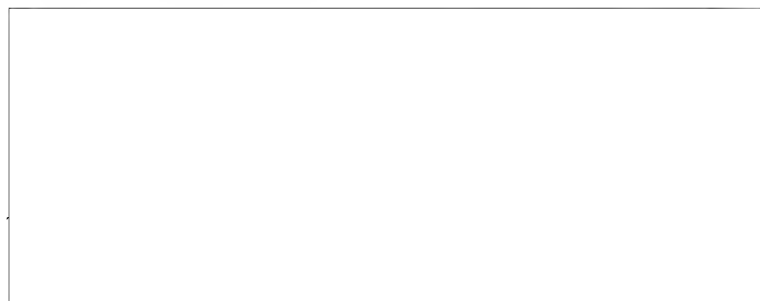
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2. Laos

a. A Communist buildup in the Plaine des Jarres and in the Xieng Khouang area, combined with the advent of the dry season, has led us to expect a step-up in enemy pressures.



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c. On Friday, a Laotian battalion about 12 miles south of Xieng Khouang was attacked by a force estimated by the Laotians to comprise two enemy battalions.

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a. The British and Malaysians have announced they sent aircraft over Indonesia today to drop the Tunku's leaflets. We have as yet no word on whether the Indonesians reacted.

b. Just why, and by whom, last week's abortive Indonesian incursion was launched seems up in the air.

c. Ambassador Jones, who saw Sukarno in Tokyo, reports that Sukarno either "feigned ignorance or actually did not know about it."

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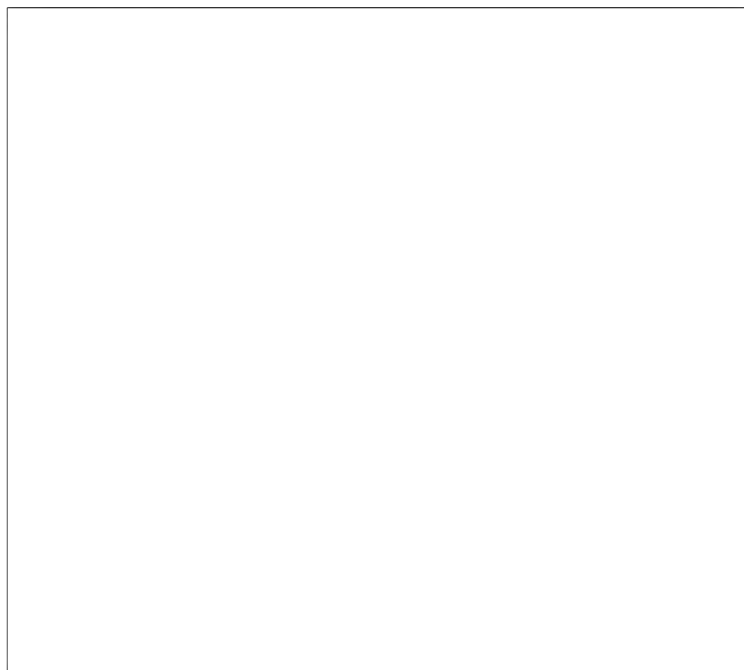


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e. Ambassador Jones, however, noted that something [redacted] [redacted] bothered Sukarno. We have heard he is due for more treatment, another operation or acupuncture at the hands of the Chinese.

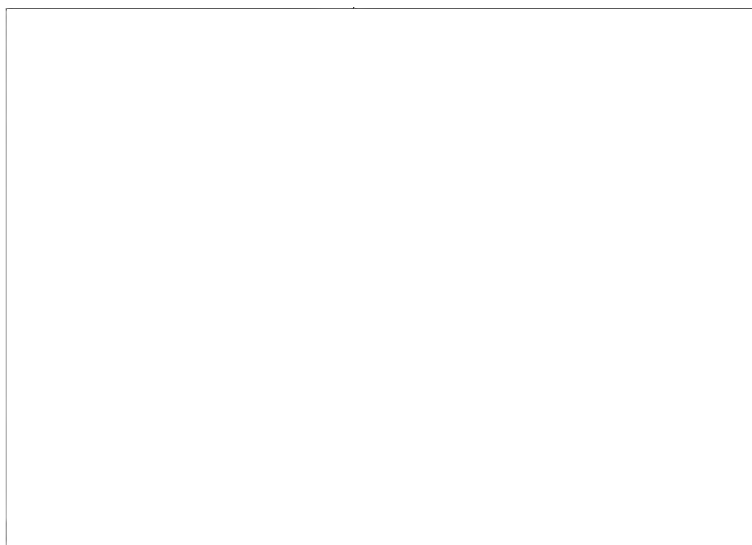
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4. Western Europe



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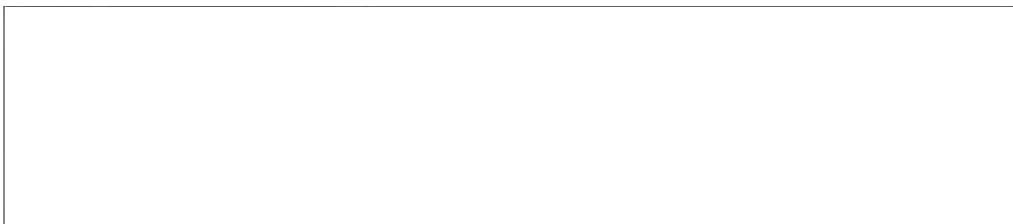
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C. Bolivia Things have simmered down, and the miners are said to be back at work for the time being. Military leaders still support Paz. [redacted]

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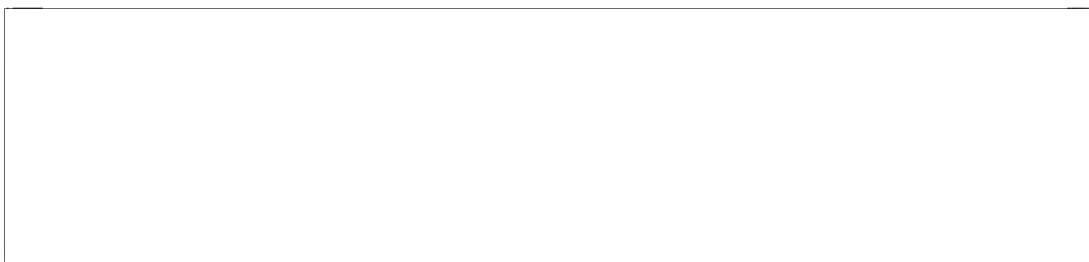
[redacted] Should they try a take-over, he says, they want to be free of any ties with extremist elements behind the recent disturbances.

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D. Sudan The neutralist cast of the initial pronouncements of the new regime do not augur well for its attitude toward Western interests in Africa and the Middle East, such as the Congo and overflight rights. The army is back in its barracks but appears to retain the balance of power.



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H. The Vatican A senior Vatican official has told Ambassador Reinhardt that there is "little or no" possibility the Pope would attend the Marian Congress in Santo Domingo next spring. The Pope's forthcoming trip to India has already generated too many requests for other visits, and has created political problems with such countries as Portugal.